(b) and (c) As a result of renewed violence, 3206 refugees have arrived from Sri Lanka between 26th August, 1989 and 28th February, 1990.

(d) The inflow of Tamil refugees from Sri Lanka is related to conditions of peace and normalcy and the safety and security of Tamils in the North-Eastern Province of Sri Lanka. Government has been in contact with Sri Lanka Government concerning these issues and has urged Sri Lanka Government to ensure the safety and security of all Tamils. Government is also continuing its efforts to bring to an end the internecine fighting among rival Tamil militant groups.

Violence in Jammu and Kashmir

152. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU:
SHRI P. N. SUKUL:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRA KANT BHANDARE:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a spurt in violation resulting in killings of innocent people in Jammu and Kashmir in recent weeks by extremists and infiltrators from Pakistan;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to contain terrorism and establish peace and normalcy in the State; and

(c) what are the details of the secessionists and anti-nationals apprehended so far?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) Since December, 1989 there has been an escalation in violence in the State.

(b) and (c) The police and various other components of administration have been re-vamped to reassert the authority of the State. Intelligence gathering agencies are being strengthened, Additional police force has also been inducted. A large number of raids have been carried out by the security forces leading to arrest of about 100 suspected subversive elements. Some arms and ammunition have also been seized.

Solution of Bodo problem

153. SHRI JAGADISH JANI:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts made by Government for the solution of Bodo-land problem;

(b) whether any talks were recently held in Delhi for the settlement of the issue;

(c) if so, the details of discussion held; and

(d) the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) Central Govermnent has been extending all necessary help and cooperation to the Assam Government in finding a solution to the problems of Bodos/Plains Tribals in Assam.

(b) to (d) Four rounds of discussions between Assam Government and All Bodo Students' Union (ABSU) in the presence of a Central observer have been held so far. The latest discussions were held on 9th March, 1990. These discussions have resulted in creating a conjenial atmosphere for finding a solution to the problems of Bodos. Assam Government and ABSU have agreed to continue their efforts towards this objective. The next round of talks will be held on the 18th of April, 1990.